

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8 are maintained by the present amendment.

In the Office Action of March 9, 2004, the drawings were objected to; Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Majumdar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,703,399, herein "Majumdar") in view of Wensel (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,349); Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Majumdar, Wensel, and Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,293,301, herein "Tanaka"); and Claims 4, 6, and 8 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The present Supplemental Amendment only amends Figures 8-10 to replace the label "BACKGROUND ART" with the label "PRIOR ART." No new matter is believed to be added.

Because the Amendment filed on June 9, 2004, has addressed all the rejections on the merits of the pending claims, it is believed that entry of this Supplemental Amendment is in order.